



MONTREAL
STUDENT
MOVEMENT
CONVENTION

SURVIVAL KIT



WELCOME TO MONTREAL AND TO THE MSMC 2014!

We have worked around the clock to make sure your stay will be the most enjoyable and that this unique event will be a great success. To help you get around town and to address any emergencies you might face, a volunteer will be assigned to a group of visitors and will act as your first resource throughout your stay. For more general questions, we came up with this document Survival Kit.

It contains essential phones information, directions to get around town, a list of interesting venues and even some useful French expressions. We hope the Kit will be helpful, but in any case feel free to share any of your concerns to your resource volunteer or to anyone from the MSMC organizing committee.

We hope the MSMC 2014 will be a rewarding experience and wish you have a great time in Montreal!

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JUNE 19TH

5PM-6:30PM

ARRIVAL

UQAM: 315, Sainte-Catherine East Street

J-M770

6:30PM-8:30PM

OPENING CONFERENCE: INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

Ahmed Musallam, Gaza (Usa-Skype);
Gabriel Ascui L. (Chile-Skype);
Fel (Frente Estudiantes Libertarios);
Student Forced Labor And Unions (China)

A-M050

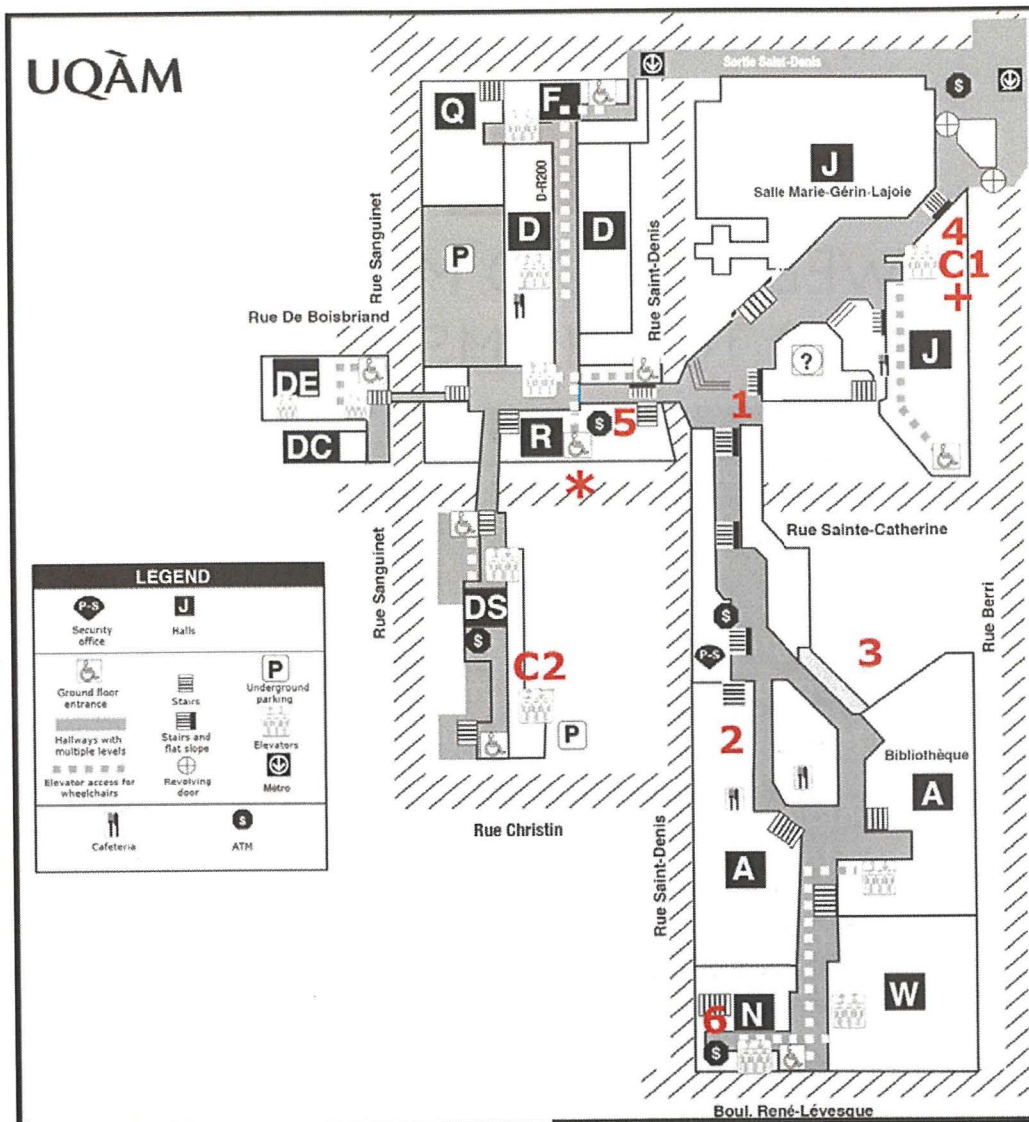
8:30PM

HOUSING COORDINATION

Installation at the housing facilities at Grasset College:
1001 boul. Crémazie East

10:30PM: PARTY!

*Free outdoor music
shows at Francofolies until 12AM*



1. WELCOME AREA
2. CAFETERIA
3. A-M050
4. J-1120
5. R-M110
6. N-M510

COFFEE SHOPS
C1. CAFÉ DES ARTS
C2. TASSE-TOI

+ INFIRMARY
* MAIN ENTRANCE
315 STE-CATHERINE
EAST STREET

How to find a room

Exemple : Room J-M320

Hall

Level

Room number

FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH

8:30AM-10AM: **BREAKFAST**
cafeteria

10AM-12PM

**HISTORY OF THE
STUDENT
MOVEMENTS:
QUEBEC**

Jaouad Laaroussi

A-M050

**FORUM
THEATRE**

Michael Simkin

J-1120

**LOCAL & FEDE-
RATIVE STRUC-
TURES: TOWARD
STUDENT UNIO-
NISM IN THE US:
OR, CA, OH**

Emily Lehr, Inna Levin,
Leona Kindermann,
Vanessa Lopez, Minh
Tran, Tyler Barton

R-M110

12PM-1:30PM: **LUNCH**
cafeteria

1:30PM-5PM

**BUILDING &
STRUCTURING
LOCAL STUDENT
UNIONS & FEDE-
RATION USING
DIRECT DEMO-
CRACY**

Alain Savard, Erik
Foreman & Alexandra
Lepine

A-M050

**TUITION FEES &
STUDENT DEBT**

2h

Thomas Gokey, Isabel
Gil & Gabriela Moreno

J-1120

**LABOR SOLIDA-
RITY & REFLEC-
TION ON APATHY**

2h

Mostafa Henaway,
Rushdia Mehreen &
Michael Truscello

R-M110

**POLITICAL
ECOLOGY**

1h

Marianne Teixido

J-1120

**POLICE & LEGAL
DEFENSE**

1h

Finn Makela & Sibel
Ataogul

R-M110

5PM-6:30PM: **DINNER**
cafeteria

6:30 PM-8:30 PM

COMMODIFICATION OF
EDUCATION

AJ Segneri, Amanda Bestvater,
Nicholas Marlatte & Jean-Michel
Savard

R-M110

MASS MEDIA &
INDEPENDENT MEDIA

Philippe P. Bellemare, Samer
Beyhun, Eric Robertson, Sarah Har-
per & Anne-Marie Provost

A-M050

8:30PM: **PARTY!**
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shows at Francofolies until 12AM*

SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST

8:30AM-10AM: **BREAKFAST**
cafeteria

10 AM-12PM

ORGANIZING
FOR THE 21ST
CENTURY STU-
DENT STRIKE
1h

Duncan Tarr &
James Andrews
R-M110

PRESSURE ESCA-
LATION: TAKING
ACTION, FROM A
PETITION TO A
STRIKE
1h

Guillaume
Legault

R-M110

LOCAL
CAMPAIGN
PLANNING

Virginie
Mikaelian &
Erik Foreman

A-M050

RESEARCH, MAP-
PING, CHARTING,
AND LIST-BUIL-
DING
1h30

Sean Estelle
N-M510

MEDIEVAL
YOUTH ORGANI-
ZATIONS & MO-
DERN STUDENT
ASSOCIATIONS
IN SOCIETY
1h30

Caroline
Trottier-Gascon

N-M510

CLASS
ANALYSIS &
MASS MOBI-
LIZATION IN
CANADA

Martin
Schools-McAl-
pine & Coralie
Jean

J-1120

12PM-1:30PM: **LUNCH**
cafeteria

1:30PM-5PM

FEMINISM &
SEXISM IN
STUDENT
MOVEMENTS

1h30

Myriam Leduc &
Jeanne Reynolds

R-M110

FEMINISM &
TRANSFORMATIVE
JUSTICE

1h30

Louisa Worrel

N-M510

GENDER &
ORIENTATION
DISCRIMINATION

1h30

Sophie Labelle

A-M050

LOCAL & FEDE-
RATIVE STRUC-
TURES: TOWARD
STUDENT UNIO-
NISM IN THE US:
MI, VA, IL, NJ

1h30

R-M110

BUILDING THE
COMMITTEE, ONE-
ON-ONES, DOOR-
KNOCKING AND
OUTREACH

1h30

Ian Matchett

N-M510

DIRECT DEMO-
CRACY: HOW IT
WORKS IN A MEE-
TING & IN A GE-
NERAL ASSEMBLY

1h30

Alain Savard

A-M050

5PM-6:30PM: DINNER

cafeteria

6:30PM-8:30PM:
COLLECTIVE WELL-BEING

Cafeteria

8:30PM: PARTY!

Free outdoor music
shows at Francofolies until 12AM

SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND

8:30AM-10AM: BREAKFAST

cafeteria

10AM-12PM

RACIAL JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION &
ANTI-COLONIA-
LISM

Jaggi Singh & Josh
Odam

R-M110

ANTI-RACIST
ORGANIZING IN
STUDENT MILIEU

Rushdia Mehreen &
Beatriz Munoz

A-M050

ANTI-RACISM,
IMMIGRATION
& INDIGENOUS
STRUGGLES

Azucena Reyes Chavez
& Erica Lee

N-M510

12PM-1:30PM: LUNCH

cafeteria

1:30PM-3:30PM: CAUCUS

PEOPLE OF COLOR, WOMEN, SEXUAL DIVERSITY,
OTHER POSSIBILITIES TO BE DETERMINED

Cafeteria

3:30PM-6PM:
LIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
& COLLECTIVE STATEMENT

A-M050 & R-M110



VITAL INFORMATION

UNIVERSITÉ DU QUÉBEC À MONTRÉAL

We remind you that all conferences will be given at the University UQAM (Université du Québec à Montréal). The address of the university wing you need to go to is **315, rue Sainte-Catherine East**, H2X 3X2. There are several ways for you to get there, depending on your means of transport.

- **BY CAR:** Just enter the address 315, rue Sainte-Catherine Est, H2X 3X2 in your GPS but keep in mind that parking around the university is very costly. The indoor UQAM parking's entrance is between Maisonneuve Street and Sainte-Catherine East Street.
- **PARKING:** parking will be free at Grasset after 3PM on Thursday and Friday and free all day Saturday and Sunday! It means you can leave your cars there and take the metro to go to Grasset when you arrive in Montreal!

HOUSING: COLLÈGE ANDRÉ-GRASSET

- Lodging will be offered at Collège André Grasset (**1001 boul. Crémazie East**), right next to the Crémazie metro station. The ride between Grasset College and UQAM takes about 20 minutes.
- Everyone will be sleeping in a gymnasium, so you need your own sleeping bag, air bed or mattress, pillow and teddy bear.
- 20 showers are available on site, but you need your own soap, luffa & towel!
- Parents attending the MSMC with children will be offered comfortable housing in one of our volunteer's house.
- Most sleeping areas will be gender-neutral but women will have a choice between sleeping in a coed or a single-sex (women only)

space. If for any reason, you do not feel comfortable with the two choices mentioned above, please let us know and we will do our best to make other arrangements for you.

- Grasset College closes at 10PM. However, there will be a volunteer present to open the door until 2AM. Please note that if you decide to stay out later, the doors will be locked and you will need to make other arrangements.
- Alcohol and drugs are **ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED** on the premises of both UQAM and Grasset. Any and all transgressions could lead to severe penalties for the organization committee
- All the fun times and partying will take place on St-Denis Street right outside UQAM where we will be bar-hopping all night long (or at least, until our door-keeper volunteer at Grasset goes to bed.)

FOOD

- Although funding was granted for the primary stages of organization, the number of inscriptions surpassed our expectations, which is increasing costs for lodging and food. Alas, what this means is that we cannot provide you with 3 free meals a day like we originally planned.
- However, a simple breakfast of toast, jam, coffee and fruits will be served every morning (within the limits of what we have).
- A traditional poutine meal will also be distributed to everyone on Saturday night.
- To make sure that nobody goes hungry, we also have a very small quantity of supplies to make sandwiches and soup but there will not be enough for everyone.
- There are a few grocery stores around UQAM and we can make available refrigerators and microwaves. There are no ovens available on campus.
- You'll find a list of our favorite restaurants (with meals ranging from 5 to 10\$)!
- You should buy bulk food if you can! That way you'll spend less and you can share if you want!

If this situation creates any sorts of complications for you, don't be shy! Come talk to one of the organizers and we will try to accommodate you to the best of our abilities.

RESTAURANTS & BARS

Végo 1720 St-Denis Street
Vegetarian restaurant \$\$

Yuan 2115 St-Denis Street
Vegetarian asian restaurant \$

Vua 1579 St-Denis Street
Very low costs sandwiches, sushi (reduced price after 9pm) and asian meals \$

Brioche lyonnaise 1593 St-Denis Street
Coffe shop and bakery. Great place for a snack and a coffe. They also serve meals like salted waffles. \$\$

La pagode 1212 St-Denis Street
Sandwiches and Asian meals really affordable. \$

Juliette et Chocolat 1615 St-Denis Street
Waffle restaurant where you must taste their incredible desserts \$\$\$

Frites Alors! 1710 St-Denis Street
The place to eat the best poutine in Montreal while drawing your next masterpiece on your place mat. \$\$

Komiko 1246 St-Denis Street
Great Japanese restaurant with a good selection of all you can eat sushis. \$\$\$

Pho 2000 223 Ste-Catherine East Street
Vietnamese cuisine, very good soup! \$

L'escalier 552 Ste-Catherine East Street
Vegetarian cuisine with vegetaliam options. To eat a small snack or to talk with friends in an creative atmosphere. \$

Amir 580 Ste-Catherine East Street
Lebanese cuisine, vegetarian meals offered \$\$

IGA 865 Ste-Catherine East Street
Supermarket near UQAM, it's the best place to buy food with friends for the Convention.

Place Dupuis 845 Ste-Catherine East Street
Underground food court with many choices of fast food and a few more healthy choices. \$\$

Yer Mad 901 Blvd. Maisonneuve East Blvd.
Great bistro-bar where you can drink beer or excellent cider.

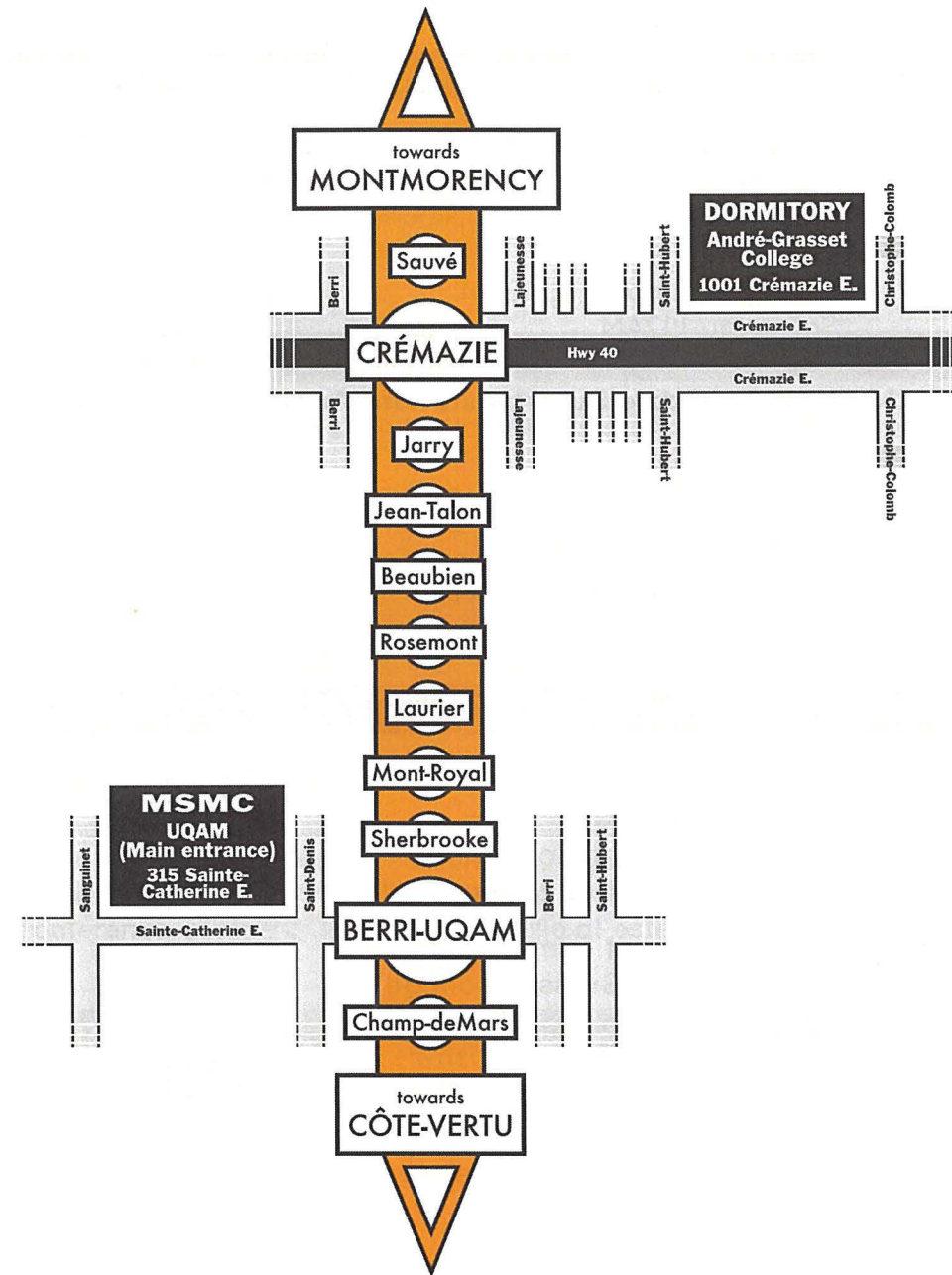
St-Elisabeth 1412 Ste-Élisabeth Street
With 2 levels of places to sit and a very nice indoor terrasse, this is a good place to enjoy a summer night in Montreal.

St-Bock 1749 St-Denis Street
With its home made beer and its beer fries, this is a really great place to have a snack while drinking with friends.

St-Ciboire 1693 St-Denis Street
A great terrasse and some really affordable beer, do you need anything else ?

La distillerie 300 Ontario East Street
If you are tired of drinking beer, this is THE place to taste the best cocktails in town!

Île Noire 1649 St-Denis Street
If you have a taste for scotch and whiskey, this is the only place to be!



SUBWAY SCHEDULE

From Crémazie subway station (André Grasset College) to UQAM

First Departure

5h30 AM

Last Departure

Friday & Sunday 12:42AM

Saturday 1:12AM

From UQAM to Crémazie Subway station (André Grasset College)

First Departure

5:54AM

Last Departure

Friday & Sunday 12:58AM

Saturday 1:28AM

NIGHT BUS

- If you missed the last subway, you can take the 361 to get to André Grasset all night long.
- The bus stop is at the corner of Berri Street & Maisonneuve Blvd. and there is a bus approximately every 15 minutes.

If you need to get someplace else than André Grasset College or UQAM, you can visit the trip calculator on the STM website at www.stm.info/en or download the STM mobile application for your tablet or smartphone



CURRENCIES

- For the most part, you cannot use American money in exchange for goods and services. You will need Canadian currencies or a credit card. Please note that very few stores accept American Express cards. The most common ones we use are Visa and MasterCard.

FUNDRAISING

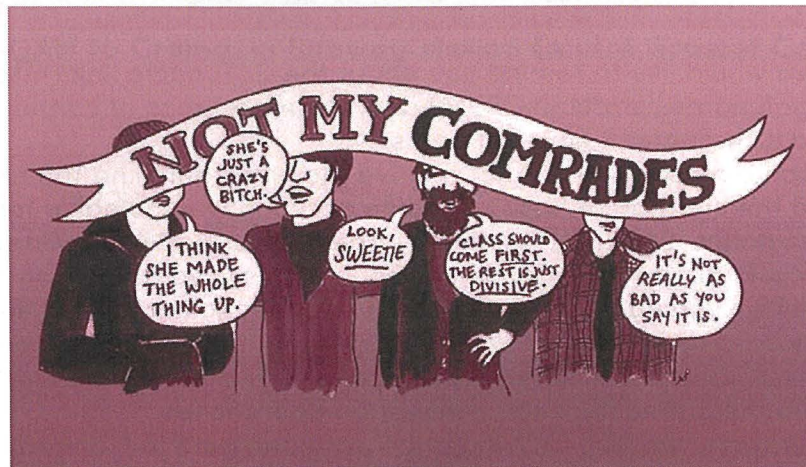
- Also, we would like to remind you about the GoFundMe link (<http://www.gofundme.com/MSMC2014>) and the importance of continuing to spread it throughout your networks.
- If for some reason you did not receive the email detailing the reasons behind the creation of this GoFundMe account, we apologize for the sudden notice. Basically, there is a large budget gap in the Convention's costs due to administrative shenanigans (and also union regulations for university workers, but we're not complaining about supporting those). We have been working tirelessly to spread this fundraising link to as many of our networks as possible, and we need your help to keep up the outreach as the convention approaches.
- Another tactic we'll be utilizing once everyone gets to Montreal is a Thunderclap - a simultaneous social media blast of the fundraising link right at the end of the conference. If you are interested in helping to raise supporters for that, or running social media in general at the conference, please contact Sean Estelle at estelle.sean@gmail.com

INTERNET ACCESS

- UQAM is part of a worldwide internet network for universities that you can probably access with your college login and password. For more information, check out this website: <https://www.eduroam.org/>



RAPE CULTURE & THE NECESSITY OF CONSENT



BY ALEKSANDRA PELLETIER

« The fact that rape is against the law should not be considered proof that rape is not in fact encouraged as part of our culture. »

Rape: The All-American Crime by Susan Griffin. From *Ramparts*, Vol. 10, no. 3, September 1971.

WHAT IS RAPE CULTURE?

First off, we need to identify and understand what makes consent so important. It has to do, in part, with a social context that promotes (in a not-so-subtle fashion) a little (big) thing called *rape culture*.

Although second wave feminists were the first to put a name on it¹, popular discourse including rhetorical misogyny, paternalism and individualism (as a blaming mechanism) have existed before and continuously feed the *doxa*. Indeed, many of these feminists addressed rape an alarming social and political problem minimized by many due to overwhelming laxity in public policies and social discourses.

Rape culture is maintained in a numerous amount of ways: in academia, it's fed by silencing the survivors and anti-rape activism in order to flee any potential PR crisis, or when faculty members get fired for addressing rape and campus security²; in the media, rape is dismissed when TV hosts become apologists for star athletes (and rapists) whose 'promising' lives are now ruined when found guilty; in music, rape culture is when the #1 summer hit of 2013 is a song about 'blurred lines' because the singer 'knows we want it'; in public hearings³, rape culture is embraced when police force authorities say one should not dress like a slut if she doesn't want to get raped⁴ and in everyday language, rape is trivialized with 'jokes' such as 'I totally got raped by that exam'.

1 *Against Our Will: Men, Women and Rape* (1975) by Susan Brownmiller; *Rape: The First Sourcebook for Women* (1974) by Noreen Connell & Cassandra Wilson; *The Rape Culture* (1988) by Dianne Herman et *Rape: The Politics of Consciousness* (1986) by Susan Griffin.

2 BEUSMAN, C. (2014) Colleges Silence and Fire Faculty Who Speak Out About Rape. *Jezebel*. Retrieved at http://jezebel.com/colleges-silence-and-fire-faculty-who-speak-out-about-r-1586169489?utm_campaign=socialflow_jezebel_facebook&utm_source=jezebel_facebook&utm_medium=socialflow & GORDON, C. (2014). 'Nonconsensual sex': How colleges rebranded rape. *Aljazeera America*. Retrieved at <http://america.aljazeera.com/watch/shows/america-tonight/articles/2014/4/17/nonconsensual-sex-when-rape-is-reworded.html>

3 CNN grieves that guilty verdict ruined 'promising' lives of Steubenville rapists. (2013). Retrieved at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MvUdyNko8LQ>

4 BBC. (2011). 'SlutWalk' marches sparked by Toronto officer's remarks. Retrieved at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-13320785>

RAPE & CONSENT

Unfortunately, as if the weapon of rape (it is important to remember that sexual assault is done in preponderance against women)¹ wasn't enough, it goes hand in hand with two other rhetorical devices that not only try and regulate sexuality, but help promote social shunning: behold slut shaming and victim blaming. The social shunning and fear when it comes to addressing and speaking about one's experience with sexual aggression, violence and rape is just one of the many consequences of the hostile environment put in place for rape survivors.

Sadly, a common misconception helping to maintain victim blaming is the take on women's sexuality (sexualities) with the Madonna/Whore complex. The 'whore', being a seductress constantly wanting sex, should not be subject to consensual ambiguity right, since she likes sex? Wrong. Embracing her (or his) sexuality is about (obviously) one's relationship with sex, but also about respect towards a partner and knowing when to stop if something seems dubious.

So, what does consent have to do with victim blaming, slut shaming and rape culture all together? Everything. Speaking about consent challenges the dominant discourse that minimizes 1) rape as a weapon of control; 2) the consequences that rape and sexual violence have on the survivors and 3) the role of the aggressor/rapist. Consensual sex needs to be addressed in order to change the discursive paradigm that sees the survivor as the ultimate reason for (sexual) violence.

¹ GOVERNMENT OF QUEBEC. (2014). *Sexual Assault*. Retrieved at http://www.msss.gouv.qc.ca/en/sujets/prob_sociaux/sexual_assault.php

CONSENT IS NOT TO BE IGNORED INSIDE STABLE (AND NOT-SO-STABLE) RELATIONSHIPS

Whether one is in a steady and long-term relationship or just engaging in one-night stands, whether in a couple or practicing polyamory, consent is not to be overlooked. Sadly, consensual sex is not always intrinsic or synonymous to stable relationships since the power dynamics, love and fear of letting a partner down help feed the idea that one must render to a partner (let's not forget control dynamics in domestic violence). Thus, there is (obviously) no such thing as sexual or

emotional entitlement however, the subtlety considering the amicable and sexual peer-pressure helps conceal the need to make sure that consent is there.

The semantic universe created by the media (often times completely misleading, homogeneous or even glamorizing) helps the way we perceive rape since they provide us with accessible images and discourses. Oftentimes, rape is reduced to the classic narratives of a varsity jocks and frat parties or dark alley / women wearing a short skirt (which are unfortunately, rape realities, there is no denying it). What this narrative does though is discard the fact that rape can occur in plenty of confident-based relationships.

In Sex+, the YouTube web show helping to address sexualities and the questions that come with them, the host, Laci Green proposes a simple way to ensure that the sex is consensual (and points out that consent may end at any time during the sexual relationship): ask your partner if (s)he is comfortable with what you are doing. Obviously, as mentioned earlier, dynamics in relationships are complex and even a 'yes' might not sound convincing enough. However, speaking about one's comfort zones and situations is the least we can do and these discussions need to be a priority in any type of relationship.

This being said, sure, '**consent is sexy**', but it's imperative!

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IMPORTANT CONTACT LIST

For any emergencies,
do not hesitate
to contact your resource volunteer
at the following number:

Name	Number
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**If you are unable to reach your resource volunteer
or if you are a woman and would like to contact one of
the women on the organizing committee,
don't hesitate. We will be available 24/7
in case of emergencies.**

Maya Almeida-Dutilly
Virginie Mikaelian
Delphine Labrecque-Synnott



OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

UQAM	514-987-3000
MSMC Infirmary (UQAM, J-1190)	514-987-3000, #3896
Collège André-Grasset	514-381-4293
Info-Santé	8-1-1



NOTES

We live in a
Society that
teaches -
DON'T
GET
RAPED
instead of
DON'T
RAPE.

